

notice, we allowed a 1.5 to 2 percent increase in travel cut annually. That will be taken out. Provisions to meet inflationary increases in utility and national and regional program service expenses at 3.5 percent will be taken out. General Funds to replace Cash Funds for the School Telelearning Service, which is used widely. Additional funds for the annual cost of fiber optic connection between Omaha and Lincoln, that directly impacts on the Engineering College education. We made a difficult, somewhat difficult decision to spend the 82,000, but to fulfill the linkage between Omaha and Lincoln, between the university systems, that fiber optic system is necessary to complete. And so it does have an impact on some other issues besides just the fiber optic. It has to do with the educational services offered. It will have to do with what...probably have an impact on the Engineering College in Omaha. And then additional funds for ongoing system maintenance of NEB*SAT. Turning to page 50...111, the State Historical Society, you can see some of the things that we did there. Some of it is moving the artifacts from the basement of the University of Nebraska Law School to the renovated K Street power plant. That has been in the works for several years and so this fulfills that move. There's \$43,000 here to do that. We did provide funding for additional staffing at branch museums that were understaffed during an agency reorganization, so it does represent an increase in the base. That is true, but they had been going fairly underfunded up until that point while the reorganization was going on. We put a roof on George Norris's house in McCook and...which we felt was absolutely necessary that they do, plus the salary increases that they are to have. Going on to Arts Council, page 69, or Agency 69, page 128, if anyone is following, allowed for 1.5 percent increase per year in their budget for operating and travel expenses. We did increase the aid to the arts by 125,000 to support increased support for arts and education and we did increase some money here to the humanities. Part of the increase in the humanities is the result of another bill that was passed and I understand in this case Senator Witek was opposed to that, the multicultural bill, multicultural education. But the humanities, in this case, has been taking a tremendous amount of their resources to fulfill requests for information in this area.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: The Humanities Council has lots of material on this. Teachers have found this source of material and are